Celebrating the Life of

Tommie LeRoy Dickens

Sunrise
May 9, 1945

Sunset
September 8, 2011

11:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 15, 2011
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries
Civic Center Chapel
455 24th Street
Richmond, California

Brother C. A. Robertson—Officiating

Tommie LeRoy Dickens

Tommie LeRoy Dickens (known to most as "LeRoy") was born on May 9, 1945, in Greenwood, Louisiana. LeRoy was the second of four sons born to Tommie Dickens and Eleanor Moore-Dickens, both of whom preceded him in death.

In the early 1940's, the family migrated to the "Canal" area of Richmond, California. LeRoy attended Washington Elementary, Helms Jr. High and continued his education at Richmond High where he was a proud member of the Oiler's basketball and baseball teams. He also played on the Twilight Basketball League at the Shields-Reid Park in North Richmond.

After graduating from Richmond High, LeRoy (Skeeter) furthered his education at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. During his second year of college, he was drafted by and signed with the Minnesota Twins where would play on the minor league team in Melbourne, Florida. It was there that he met and became roommates with Rod Carew and developed a friendship that would last for many years.

On a warm Sunday afternoon at the Fox Movie Theater in old downtown Richmond, LeRoy was introduced to Carolyn Frances Jackson by the late Vera Washington Cain. This would be the beginning of a lifelong "love story". Carolyn would later share that the minute she laid eyes upon LeRoy, she turned to Vera and said, "I'm going to marry him." Vera chuckled and said to Carolyn, "How can you marry him, when he's not even your boyfriend?" LeRoy properly courted Carolyn until she accepted his proposal of marriage. They were married on February 4, 1967 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Richmond and to this union one son was born, Derrick LeRoy Dickens.

Although, he came from a long line of athletes, his professional baseball career was cut short due to a sports injury. For years after leaving the Twins, LeRoy, along with Redell Randle, scoured the country in an attempt to find a team where LeRoy could continue to pursue his passion. He loved and enjoyed all sports (especially baseball), both as a spectator and participant. LeRoy was an avid golfer and would never say "no" to a good game of pool. In fact, there were periods of time, early in their marriage, when Carolyn and LeRoy lived on his pool hustle.

LeRoy was employed by Plicon General Converting and Muller's Construction before his declining health forced him to retire. As his health worsened, he became a dialysis patient.

Throughout his illness, in addition to his wife, son and grandson, LeRoy could always count on his dear friend, Jerome Holmes, to be there for anything he needed. In fact, on his last day, as he lay in the hospital, Jerome and LeRoy's cousin and dear friend, Alvin Moore were by his side.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife of 44 years, Carolyn Dickens; one son, Derrick LeRoy Dickens; one daughter-in-law, Tricell; his beloved grandson, Derrick C. Dickens; three brothers, Carl Dickens of Hayward, Darryl and Craig Dickens, both of Richmond, as well as a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and dear friends.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
II Timothy 4:7

Order of Service

Brother C. A. Robertson—Officiating

Processional . . . . . .Family

Opening Prayer . . . . . .Brother C. A. Robertson

Scripture Reading . . . . . .Alvin Moore

Old Testament

New Testament

Cards & Resolutions . . . . . .Tricell Dickens

Words of Expression . . . . . Ruby Smith

Obituary . . . . . Dorothy Stewart

Celebration Message . . . . . .Brother C. A. Robertson

Eulogy

Parting View . . . . . Wilson & Kratzer Staff

"May the soul of LeRoy and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."
Amen

Interment

St. Joseph Cemetery
2460 Church Lane
San Pablo, California

Pallbearers

Kyle Burns
Omari Dickens
Keenen Foster
Brandon Lee
Andre Salvador
Maurice Dickens
Chris Burns
Roy Jackson, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Lionel Myles
Leron Lynch
Lee Lynch
Jerome Holmes
Richard Stokes
Mack Hill
Dallas Landry
Walter Jackson
Lionel Myles, Jr.
Damone Kirtley
Michael Williams
John Moore
Orlonzo Moore
Nicholas Jackson
John Thomas
Les Cain
Rudy Garcia
Greg Williams
Robert Brock
Kirk Forbes
Jeron Buckley
Tyrone Guillory, Jr.

Honorable Mention

Liddell Stokes
Gladys Howard
Olevia Lacy
Ruby Glover

Acknowledgement
The family extends a special thank you to
the DaVita Dialysis Center, San Pablo branch

Our sincere appreciation and gratitude goes to each
of you, our family and friends, for encouraging
words, hugs, prayers, cards, calls and
the many other kind deeds you've shown.
Your attendance at this Celebration of LeRoy's life
will always be appreciated.

If you are still wondering how to assist us, please make a donation in LeRoy's name to the American Diabetes Association,
PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312
800.342.2383 www.diabetes.org

Repast

Immediately following interment

St. Mark's Social Hall
159 Harbour Way
Richmond, California

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